

Application Serial No.: 10/802,447
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REMARKS

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action of September 8, 2004, where the Examiner has rejected claims 14-25, 27-28 and 33-35, and objected to claim 26. By the present amendment and response, claims 17, 24, 26 have been cancelled, and claims 14, 22, 25, 27 and 28 have been amended. After the present amendment and response, claims 14-16, 18-23, 25 and 27-28 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 14-16, 18-23, 25 and 27-28 in view of the following remarks are requested.

A. Rejection of Claims 14, 15, 22 and 33-35 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 14, 15, 22 and 33-35 under USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Flynn (USPN 5,833,765) in view of Flynn (USPN 5,271,361), Wu or Waelput, et al.

Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicant has amended claim 22 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 26 and intervening claim 24. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 22, as amended, is now in condition for allowance in view of the Examiner's statement that claim 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Also, claim 15 depends from claim 14, as amended, and should be allowed at least for the same reasons claim 14, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

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Furthermore, applicant has amended claim 14 to include limitations similar to those of claims 24 and 26, and respectfully submits that claim 14, as amended, should also be allowed.

By the present amendment, applicant has cancelled claims 33-35 and, thus, the Examiner's rejection of claims 33-35 has been rendered moot.

B. Rejection of Claims 16 and 23 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 16 and 23 under USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Flynn (USPN 5,833,765) in view of Flynn (USPN 5,271,361), Wu or Waelput, et al., and further in view of Hollub.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 16 and 23 depend from claims 14 and 22, respectively, and should be allowed at least for the same reasons claims 14 and 22, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

C. Rejection of Claims 17, 18, 24, 25 and 27 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 17, 18, 24, 25 and 27 under USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Flynn (USPN 5,833,765) in view of Flynn (USPN 5,271,361), Wu or Waelput, et al., and further in view of Harris, Bartos, et al. or Noble, III.

By the present amendment, applicant has cancelled claims 17 and 24 and, thus, the Examiner's rejection of claims 17 and 24 has been rendered moot.

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Further, applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 depends from claim 14, and claims 24, 25 and 27 depend from claim 22, and should be allowed at least for the same reasons claims 14 and 22, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

D. Rejection of Claims 19-21 and 28 under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 19-21 and 28 under USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Flynn (USPN 5,833,765) in view of Flynn (USPN 5,271,361), Wu or Waelput, et al., and further in view of Nagase.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 19-21 depend from claim 14, and claim 28 depends from claim 22, and should be allowed at least for the same reasons claims 14 and 22, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

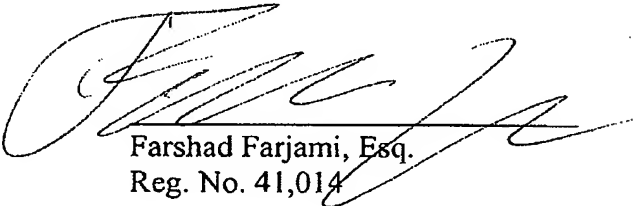
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E. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing reasons, an early Notice of Allowance for pending claims 14-16, 18-23, 25 and 27-28 is respectfully requested.

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